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TO : Director of Central Intelligence
FROM : Assistant Director for Operations
SUBJECT: Psychological Strategy Board

DATE: 21 February 1951

REFERENCE: Proposed draft dated 19 Feb 51, Directive to Secretary of State, Secretary of Defense, and the Director of Central Intelligence, on the subject of Psychological Warfare Effort.

1. Pursuant to the DCI's oral request of 21 February 1951, the following comments on reference directive are submitted:

a. In order to avoid conflicting operations and efforts in localized areas, it is believed that agreement on overall psychological warfare policies should be arrived at with the [redacted]

[redacted] Agreement should be reached prior to the formulation of the overall plan by the Psychological Strategy Board and the issuance of instructions to the Agencies and Departments of the Government which are to implement the program. The present [redacted] policies toward [redacted] illustrates the necessity for coordination.

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b. It is noted that "the participating departments and agencies shall afford to such staff as the Chairman specifically designates, full access to whatever information they may require to carry out their assigned duties." Concievably, this could conflict with Section 7 of Public Law 110, which directs "that the Director of Central Intelligence shall be responsible for protecting intelligence sources and methods from unauthorized disclosure, etc." It is recommended that the proposed draft be modified so as to avoid any possible conflict on this point.

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